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1. PHILIPPINES

MIL SOURCES SAID WEDNESDAY TRINIDAD HERRERA IS BEING INVESTIGATED ON POSSIBLE SUBVERSION CHARGES, CONTENDED SHE IS EX-PRES OF ORGANIZATION AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IS COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT; PRELIMINARY PROBES ALSO HAVE BEGUN INTO ALLEGED USE OF ALIASES BY HERRERA TO CONCEAL IDENTITY AND HER ALLEGED VIOLATION OF MARTIAL LAW. DEFENSE DEPT ISSUED 5/18 ORDER DIRECTING THAT ARMED FORCES STAFF CHIEF GEN ESPINO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO GOVT POLICIES ON WHAT DEPT UNCLASSIFIED

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CALLED HUMANE/DECENT TREATMENT DETAINEES BY MIL/POLICE (REUTER MANILA 5/18).

2. CHINA

CHINESE/SOVS SWAPPED INSULTS AT UN SPECIAL CONFERENCE 5/18 MAPUTO. PRC DEL ACCUSED MOSCOW OF "SINISTER DESIGNS" IN AFRICA, WHILE SOV REP RESPONDED W/CHARGE PRC ALLYING SELF W/"FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE OF AFRICA." SUN CARRIES PORTIONS REUTER

(MOODY) STORY).

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

GROWING NUMBER VIET REFUGEES IN US, INCL PROFESSIONALS, GOING ON WELFARE ROLLS DUE LANGUAGE BARRIER/LARGE SIZE FAMILIES/RESIDENCE IN HI-UNEMPLOYMENT AREAS. ABOUT 30 PCT NOW ON DOLE (REUTER WASHINGTON).

4. AUSTRALIA

PM FRASER CONTACTS US AMB RE CONTINUING ALLEGATIONS CIA INTERFERENCE IN AUSSIE AFFAIRS. SOURCES SAY AMB ALSTON PREPARING REPORT ON ISSUE. CONTROVERSY WIDENED 5/18 WHEN AGEE, IN LONDON, NAMED 5 US DIPLOMATS SERVING/RECENTLY SERVED IN CANBERRA AS CIA AGENTS; FONMIN PEACOCK 1ST CONFIRMED, THEN DENIED ALLEGATIONS TO REPORTERS. AGEE PROMISES DISCLOSE MORE INFO ON ALLEGED CIA INVOLVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA (REUTER CANBERRA).

OVER 600 CYCLISTS CLASHED W/POLICE 5/18 NEAR PARLIAMENT TO PROTEST URANIUM MINING IN AUSTRALIA. PLAN CONTINUE PROTEST FOR NEXT 3 DAYS. DEMONSTRATION CAME WK BEFORE GOA WILL PUBLISH INQUIRY INTO ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS URANIUM MINING; INQUIRY EXPECTED BE FOLLOWED BY DECISION BEGIN LARGE-SCALE URANIUM MINING FOR EXPORT TO JAPAN/W UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES (REUTER CANBERRA 5/18).

5. KOREA

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE (CBO) REPT SAYS US GROUND FORCES THERE FOR POL PURPOSES/NO LONGER NEEDED TO DEFEND SK. RECOMMENDS TROOPS BE TRANSFERRED TO EUR/BROUGHT BACK TO US (CSM). HALLORAN (NYT) NOTES CBO REPT THAT ASSERTS GROUND FORCES CAN BE W/DRAWN W/O JEOPARDIZING MIL BALANCE OR POL/STRATEGIC STABILITY KOREA. SAYS ANALYSIS REFLECTS DOD'S MOST RECENT SECRET STUDIES/APPEARS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO DEBATE OVER GRADUAL TROOP W/DRAWAL.

SAAR (WP SEOUL) QUOTES US GENL SINGLAUB IN SK THAT PRES' PLAN W/DRAW US FORCES GRADUALLY OVER NEXT 5 YEARS IS MISTAKE/WILL END IN WAR W/NK. NOTES UNUSUAL SITUATION ACTIVE-DUTY GENL OPENLY DIFFERING W/PRES' DECLARED POLICY ARISES ON EVE HABIB/BROWN VISIT FOR TALKS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY.

SENATE INTELL CMTE SAYS INVESTIGATING EXTENT US SPY AGENCIES AWARE KCIA/OTHER FOREIGN INTELL ACTIVITIES IN US. CMTE INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS RE INTELL OPNS HERE OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCL TAIWAN/PHILS/SK (LARDNER, WP).

6. JAPAN

SOVIET AUTHORITIES 5/18 CAPTURED JAPANESE FISHING BOAT
IN WATERS OFF DISPUTED ISLANDS IN N JAPAN. INCIDENT
OCCURRED AS JAPAN/USSR CLOSE TO FINAL AGREEMENT IN INTERIM
FISHING PACT (AP, REUTER TOKYO 5/18). REPS FROM BOTH
COUNTRIES MET 5/18, BUT FAILED INITIAL AGREEMENT DUE
LAST-MINUTE USSR PROPOSAL. SOVS SUGGESTED MAJOR REVISION
DRAFT ACCORD; JAPAN REPLIED SUGGESTION WAS COMPLETELY
NEW PROPOSAL/WOULD NEED TOKYO APPROVAL (REUTER, 5/18).
MAJOR BREAKTHRU IN NEGOTS CAME THIS WK WHEN JAPAN AGREED
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ACCEPT SOV SEA ZONES IN EXCHANGE FOR CLAUSE SPECIFYING
SEA-ZONE AGREEMENT WILL NOT PREJUDICE JAPAN'S CLAIM TO
4 DISPUTED ISLANDS (SUN'S SEIDEN, TOKYO).

UNION-INDUSTRY COALITION (COMPACT) ASKING FOR STRICT
IMPORT QUOTAS ON JAPANESE COLOR TV IMPORTS SAYS IT WILL
NOT PRESSURE CONGRESS TO OVERRIDE US-JAPAN AGREEMENT
LIMIT IMPORTS. COMPACT SPOKESMAN SAID GROUP "LESS THAN
ENTHUSIASTIC" OVER IMPORT CEILING 1.75 MIL SETS ANNUALLY/
ADDED "AT BEST" AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE "TEMPORARY RESPITE."
CARTER EXPECTED FORMALLY ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT FRIDAY (LAW-
RENCE, JOC). WP'S ROWE ADDS COMPACT ALSO UNHAPPY ABOUT
ARRANGEMENT SINCE AGREEMENT DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL
7/1, GIVIN6 JAPANESE MFRS OPPORTUNITY EXPORT ALMOST EVERY-
THING IN STOCK BEFORE 6/30.

STEEL INDUSTRY SEEKING COMMITMENT FROM ADMIN TO CURB
GROWING STEEL IMPORTS. ACCORDING INDUSTRY, STEEL EXPORTS
PREVIOUSLY SENT TO LUR NOW UNLOADED IN US MART DUE
JAPAN-EC AGREEMENT LAST YR CUTTING EXPORTS TO EUR. BETH-
LEHEM STEEL CHRMN MET W/CARTER, STRAUSS IN RECENT WEEKS,
EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ADMIN WOULD ACT (JONES, WP).

US OFFICIALS SAY OECD WILL SET UP SPECIAL GROUP TO CONSIDER
TRADE/PRICING ISSUES ON INTL STEEL INDUSTRY. WASHINGTON
HAS PRESSED FOR US/JAPAN/EC DISCUSSION ON ISSUE IN HOPES
PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES FROM US STEEL INDUSTRY COULD
BE EASED. ACCORDING UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM AMER INSTITUTE
OF IMPORTED STEEL, JAPANESE FIRMS VOLUNTARILY CUTTING
BACK EXPORTS TO LESS THAN 7 MIL TONS YRLY (FARNSWORTH,
NYT).

FINANCE MINISTRY EXPECTED AGREE TO INVEST IN NEW IMF
SCHEME FOR SUPPLYING FUNDS TO NON-OIL PRODUCING DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING CHRONIC BOP DIFFICULTIES. GOJ
WILL PROVIDE FUNDS IF OPEC MEMBERS GIVE AT LEST 50 PCT
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CONTRIBUTED MONEY (CULLISON, JOC).

JAPAN RECORDED RECORD 1.78 BIL DOL SURPLUS IN VISIBLE TRADE FOR APRIL; FIGURE MORE THAN TWICE THAT APRIL '76 (WP).

SIKORA (PHINQ) REPORTS NASHUA CORP, NOW BEATING XEROX IN LOW-PRICED COPIERS, EXPECTS RETALIATION FROM XEROX. MEANWHILE, NASHUA'S PROFITS CONTINUE RISE/FIRM HAS CHANCE FOR RECORD EARNINGS THIS YR.

FROM NUMAZU, NYT'S MALCOLM REPORTS EVERY DAY USE SOLAR ENERGY GROWING IN JAPANESE HOUSEHOLDS. OVER 1 MILLION JAPANESE HOMES ALREADY USE SUN TO HEAT WATER FOR HOUSEHOLD/ SEVERAL DOZEN USE SUN HEAT/HUMIDIFY STRUCTURE AS WELL. JAPANESE FIND INITIAL COST HIGH, BUT ONCE INSTALLED, SOLAR UNITS HAVE ALMOST NO MAINTENANCE COSTS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

BRADSHER (WSTAR 5/18) SAYS VN TALKS AT STANDSTILL AS ATTITUDES STIFFEN, SO NORMAL RELS STILL LONG WAY OFF. NOTES PARIS MTG WAS 2 WKS AGO BUT NOT NEW MTG IN SIGHT. REVIEWS RECENT EVENTS/STATEMENTS. STATES RECENT SRV MEDIA COMMENTS SEEM REJECT US POSITION OF 2 WKS AGO RE HANOI ACCEPTING TRADE POSSIBILITY/UN MEMBERSHIP AS SUFFICIENT REASON FOR NORMALIZING RELS DESPITE LACK AID.

THIMMISCH (CHITRIB 5/16) QUOTES HAK THAT "PLEDGE" MADE HANOI RE AID WASN'T THAT AT ALL. SAYS FORTUNATE FORMER SECSTATE STOOD UP/PUT SO-CALLED PROMISE IN CONTEXT. QUOTES HAK THAT AID PUT IN CONTEXT OF FOLLOWING US CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES.

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8. KOREA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) STATE ASSASSINATION ORDER HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED FROM SEOUL TO KCIA IN US; OPERATIVES INSTRUCTED ELIMINATE ROKG CRITIC/RADIO COMMENTATOR YOUNGCHE KANG. SAY CANNOT REVEAL HOW DEATH MESSAGE INTERCEPTED, BUT US AUTHORITIES AWARE OF ORDER. KANG GOT WIND OF DANGER FEW DAYS AGO/COMPLAINED TO FBI'S WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE. KANG RECEIVED LESS EXPLICIT THREAT 8/73, WHILE EDITING MONTHLY "FREE REPUBLIC", WHICH CRITICIZED PARK. STATE KANG CONTINUING RADIO ATTACKS ON PARK REGIME/REMAINS ACTIVE IN KOREAN CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY AND UNIFICATION.

9. MALAYSIA

TAYLOR (CSM) DOES ITEM ON MALAYSIAN INSURGENCY. FOCUSES ON CHIN PEN6, WHO AT AGE 26 ASSUMED CONTROL MALAYSIAN CP IN '47. REMARKS IN '7US, MCP REVIVED/RECRUITED NEW MEMBERS. KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS IN KL, HOWEVER, SAY CHIN PENG'S DAYS OVER; HE LACKS POPULAR SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR REAL INSURGENCY. MALAYSIA'S ECON PROSPERITY/FACT THAT MOST MCP FORCES MUST STAY OUTSIDE COUNTRY'S BORDER IN ORDER AVOID CAPTURE, SEEN AS OBSTACLE TO COMMUNIST INROADS. FURTHER, GOM HAS SIGNED AGREEMENT W/THAILAND PERMITTING "HOT PURSUIT" ACROSS BORDER OF GUERRILLA FORCES. TAYLOR SAYS WHATEVER OUTCOME, CHIN PENG/CADRES "ONE MORE REMINDER" OF DEDICATION COMMUNISM CAPABLE OF INSPIRING IN ITS ADHERENTS.

NATL GEOGRAPHIC MAG SPONSORS FULL-PG NYT AD HEADLINING MALAYSIA/THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL REPORT ON MALAYSIAN INSURGENCY.

10. AUSTRALIA

CSM (SYDNEY) DOES ITEM ON AUSTRALIAN PROBLEM OF CHOOSING UNCLASSIFIED

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BETW JOBS/ECOLOGY. ACCORDING MINERAL SANDS PRODUCERS ASSN, MEMBER FIRMS EMPLOY OVER 2500/CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 100 MIL DOLS ANNUALLY TO AUSTRALIA'S BOP. BUT GOA DECISIONS STOP/RESTRICT SAND MINING ALREADY HAVE COST 700 MIL DOLS IN LOST EXPORT INCOME.

11. PHILIPPINES

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SAYS "APPARENT SUCCESS" OF US HUMAN RTS INTERVENTION IN HERRERA CASE IS THOUGHT RELATED TO 2 FACTORS: US/PHLIS "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP," THEIR CURRENT NEGOTIATING OF BASES PACT, WITH MARCOS PERHAPS WANTING AVOID OFFENDING CARTER ADMIN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE; ALSO, MARCOS' ESTABLISHED POLICY IS TO TRY DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM TORTURE/OTHER ABUSES.

12. CHINA

ANDREW TULLY (SF CHRON 5/11), ASSERTING IN US US INTERESTS MAINTAIN DIP RELS WITH ANY GOVT W/WICH WE TECHNICALLY AT PEACE, SAYS US SHOULD NORMALIZE RELS WITH PRC. HOWEVER, SAYS HARD FIND PROFIT FOR RECENT CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS' COMPLAINTS US DRAGGING FEET RE MATTER DIP DETENTE. SAYS "EVERY FEW DAYS, IT SEEMS, SOME PROMINENT CHINESE POOBAH DEMANDS THAT WASHINGTON DESERT NATIONALIST CHINA AND JUMP INTO BED W/THE PEKING REGIME." FINDS RECENT COMMENTS OF

PRC OFFICIAL TO WP OFFICIAL ALONG THE LINE "JUST BIT MUCH."
TULLY NOTES "RED CHINESE" CHARGE US TALKS RE LOYALTY
TAIWAN COUNTER TO "SPIRIT" SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE--BUT SAYS
"SPIRIT" DEPENDS ON WHO'S DOING DEFINING. ADDS THAT PRC'S
DEMANDS US RE TAIWAN AND ASSERTION OF OFFICIAL QUOTED BY
WP (MATHEWS) THAT "US MAKE UP" TO CHINESE PEOPLE FOR
HAVING SUPPORTED CKS IN CIVIL WAR IS WAY GOVT'S TALK WHEN
LOOKING FOR HANDOUT. SAYS "RED CHINESE" PLAYING OLD
SHELL GAME BY CASTING US IN ROLE GUILTY PARTY. SEES
PEKING SAYING 100 BUCKS OR 10 DAYS HOOSEGOW, AND SUGGESTS
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WE'D BETTER GET GOOD DEFENSE LAWYER.

ATLANTA CONSTITUTION 5/17 EDIT, "TROUBLE W/CHINA?", SAYS
UNCERTAIN WINDS OF CHANGE BLOWING IN PRC MAY BE GREATEST
DIP CHALLENGE YET FACED BY CARTER ADMIN. CITES SOV WARN-
INGS PRC CAPABLE/WILLING SET OFF GLOBAL WAR FOLLOWED BY
WHAT "SOUNDS LIKE AN ULTIMATUM" TO US FROM PRC (I.E.
CHI TENG-KUEI LISTING OF 3 CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION).
SAYS TERMS SOUND SO STRONG WONDERS IF CHINESE AREN'T
TESTING METTLE CARTER ADMIN.

ACCORDING CONSTITUTION, SUCH MESSAGES FROM "RED CHINESE"
INDICATE WILLINGNESS RETURN TO COLD WAR POSTURE. IF
TRUE, GOVT DOESN'T SERVE PEOPLE WELL/MUCH TO GAIN THROUGH
IMPROVED RELS WITH US. IF CHINESE OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT
CALCULATED TEST PRES, BELIEVES EXAMINATION WILL SHOW
"CHINESE HAVE DISCOVERED AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT WHO IS
TOUGH AND SOMETIMES AS INSCRUTABLE AS THEY."

13. PRC/INDOCHINA

SAN DIEGO UNION (5/1) CARRIES INTERVIEW WITH FORMER
CONGRESSMAN/CHINA WATCHER, WALTER JUDD, WHO DESCRIBES
EVENTS IN POST-MAO PRC AS THREE-WAY STRUGGLE FOR POWER
AMONG RADICAL/PRAGMATISTS/MIL. MIL KEY. SAYS BETTER FOR
US IF RADICALS WON, SINCE WOULDN'T TURN TO MOSCOW. IF
MIL WINS/PUSHES BUREAUCRATS ASIDE, THEN FEARS PATCH
UP THINGS WITH SOVS. JUDD DISCOUNTS POSSIBILITY SINO-SOV
WAR. SAYS DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S CARTER POLICY RE PEKING.

JUDD SAYS VIETNAM WOULD POSSIBLY LIKE BE 3RD COMMUNIST
HQTS. SEES VIETNAM/LAOS/CAMBODIA GETTING RID OF ANYBODY
CAN'T EDUCATE. BELIEVES HANOI FRIENDLY TO US BECAUSE
NEED OUR AID FUNDS. CAUTIONS US AGAINST RUSHING HEADLONG
INTO UNWISE INTERNATIONAL CONCESSIONS/AGREEMENT. SUGGESTS
US NOW WEAKER/MORE DIVIDED THAN 10 YRS AGO AND CITES ASIAN
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CONCERN RE DEPENDABILITY OF US AS ALLY. CHRISTOPHER

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